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Of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks
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RE: Final Report of NANC's Review of Hurricane Impacts

Dear Colleagues:

After the Gulf Coast of 2005, additional telephone numbering resources were allocated expeditiously and numbering processes were changed to enable telecom carriers to serve displaced individuals and relief workers and to allow calls to the affected areas to be rerouted to other parts of the country. You may recall my January 5, 2006 letter to you concerning the work being done by organizations affiliated with the North American Numbering Council (NANC) to assess the performance of the telephone numbering assignment systems in the wake of the hurricanes.

Included with the January letter was an extensive but preliminary report from NANC's Local Number Portability Administration Working Group (LNPA WG).¹ I am pleased to report that the LNPA WG has just completed its *Final Report on Out of LATA Porting & Pooling For Disaster Relief After Hurricane Katrina*. The report, which has been approved by NANC, is attached for your consideration.

¹ The January letter also provided hurricane-related reports from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator (PA) and the North American Portability Management LLC (NAPM LLC).

This Final Report has also been given wide distribution to many stakeholders, including carriers and State regulators.

Please feel free to contact me if you, members of the Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,

/Signed/

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NANC Chair

Attachment: LNPA WG Report

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